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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Nathan W. Ha

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 6-11, 14, 17, 19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 6-11, 14, 17, 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1, 4, 6-11, 14, 17, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In this case, newly added limitation which recites, "wherein the adhesive secures said conductive lid to said substrate of said integrated circuit by applying a force along a wall of said tapered through-hole, said wall extending substantially vertically from said substrate", renders new matter. The current specification although generalizes methods of putting the package together; however, it never describes how the heat sink is secured to the substrate in such a way that the force is applied along a virtual wall as newly added in claims 1 and 11.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1, 4, 6-11, 14, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin et al. (US 2004/0174682, newly cited, hereinafter, Lin.)

In regard to claims 1 and 11, in figs. 1-5, Lin discloses a conductive lid 15 adapted to function as a heat sink for an integrated circuit (see paragraph [0030]), the conductive lid comprising:

a recessed portion adapted to receive a die 11 of the integrated circuit;

a foot portion, or support portion, 151 extending from the top of said conductive lid to a surface adapted to be coupled to a substrate 10 of said integrated circuit (see paragraph [0031]); and

a through-hole 153, fig. 3B, located in said foot portion, the through hole being tapered, or conical, (paragraph [0036]) and adapted to receive an adhesive 16, for example, figs. 2 and 4, to secure the conductive lid to the substrate of the integrated circuit (paragraph [0037]).

It is further noted that portions of claims 1, 6-7, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Lin.

Lin does not explicitly teach a method of applying a force along a wall in order to secure the lid to the substrate, and injection molding, and drilling, as claimed in claims

1, 6-7, and 11. However, the limitations are taken to be a product by process limitations; it is the patentability of the claimed product and not of recited process steps which must be established. Therefore, when the prior art discloses a product which reasonably appears to be identical with or only slightly different than the product claimed in a product-by process claim, a rejection based on sections 102 or 103 is fair. A product by process claim directed to the product per se, no matter how actually made, *In re Hirao*, 190 USPQ 15 at 17 (footnote 3). See *In re Fessman*, 180 USPQ 324,326(CCPA 1974); *In re Marosi et al.*, 218 USPQ 289,292 (Fed. Cir. 1983); and particularly *In re Thorpe*, 227 USPQ 964,966 (Fed. Cir. 1985), all of which make it clear that it is the patentability of the final structure of the product "gleaned" from the process steps, which must be determined in a "product by process " claim, and not the patentability of the process. See also MPEP 2113. Moreover, an old or obvious product produced by a new method is not a patentable product, whether claim in "product by process" claim or not.

In regard to claim 4, Lin further discloses wherein said through-hole comprises a multi-diameter through-hole, figs. 2, 3B, and 5C.

In regard to claim 6, the element 15 is a molding compound.

In regard to claim 8, Lin discloses wherein said foot portion extends around the recessed portion, fig. 2.

In regard to claim 9, Lin further comprising a plurality of through-holes positioned in said foot portion, figs. 2-3.

In regard to claim 10, the plurality of holes are symmetrically spaced around said foot portion, fig. 3A.

In regard to claim 14, as mentioned above, the through hole comprises a conical through hole, fig. 3B.

In regard to claims 19 and 20, Lin further discloses the adhesive, or grease, between the substrate and the lid. The adhesive is capable of thermal conduction (see also, paragraph [0030].)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin as applied to claims 1, 4, 6-11, 14, and 19-20 above, and further in view of Murayama (previously cited.)

In regard to claim 17, Lin discloses all of the claimed limitations as mentioned above except mention the material of the adhesive element such epoxy, or resin. It should be noted that adhesive in this semiconductor area is normally formed by thermal adhesive resin since this material delivers heat from the inside through the heat sink. For instance, Murayama, in fig.2, discloses an analogous package that includes chip 14, heat sink 18, and substrate 12. Murayama, further teaches the heat sink is attached to the substrate through thermal conductive adhesive 17 in order to transfer heat to the outside of the package. See also, [0053].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art at the time of the invention was made to recognize that the material of the adhesive such resin or epoxy in order to facilitate the process of transferring heat out of the package.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan W. Ha whose telephone number is (571) 272-1707. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 8:00-7:00(EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael Fahmy can be reached on (571) 272-1705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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